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SUBJ: ARMY ATTITUDE REGARDING COOPERATION ON HUMAN RIGHTS  
ISSUES

DOI: [REDACTED] JUNE 1990

TEXT: 1. IN [REDACTED] JUNE 1990, A [REDACTED] ARMY OFFICER [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ON HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES.  
[REDACTED] R, ARMY COMMENTARIES ON THE LACK OF PERMANENT  
RECORDS ON THE LOCATIONS OF THE BODIES OF EXECUTED OR DISAPPEARED  
POLITICAL PRISONERS WHICH MAKES IT DIFFICULT FOR THE ARMY TO PROVIDE  
INFORMATION ON THEIR DISPOSITION ARE ESSENTIALLY TRUE. ALTHOUGH THESE  
EXPLANATIONS ARE MET WITH SOME SKEPTICISM. [REDACTED] EXPLAINED  
THAT FOR OBVIOUS REASONS, THE ARMY DID NOT NORMALLY MAINTAIN WRITTEN  
RECORDS ON LOCATIONS INDICATING WHERE THE CADAVERS OF EXECUTED  
VICTIMS WERE HIDDEN IN THE INITIAL MONTHS AFTER THE 1973 COUP AND IN  
THE YEARS 1974-78 DURING THE EXISTENCE OF THE DINA. [REDACTED]  
ELABORATED THAT THE LOCATIONS OF CLANDESTINE GRAVESITES WOULD BE  
KNOWN TO THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THIS KIND OF ACTIVITY,  
WHO NORMALLY WOULD BE EITHER ACTIVE DUTY OR RETIRED MILITARY  
PERSONNEL. [REDACTED] SAID THAT ACTIVE DUTY PERSONNEL WERE UNLIKELY  
TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE NATIONAL TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION COMMISSION  
(NTRC) DUE TO THE LACK OF GUARANTEES AGAINST FUTURE PROSECUTION AND  
POSSIBLE DAMAGE TO THEIR MILITARY CAREERS.


2. [REDACTED] FURTHER REMARKED THAT THE POLITICAL EXPLOITATION  
OF THE PISAGUA CASE IS SEEN BY ARMY OFFICERS AS CONTRADICTING THE  
GOVERNMENT POSITION THAT THE NTRC EXISTS TO FIND THE TRUTH AND  
ACHIEVE RECONCILIATION, AS DEMONSTRATED BY THE PUBLIC CAMPAIGN TO  
UTILIZE THE PISAGUA DISCOVERY TO FORCE THE RESIGNATION OF ARMY  
COMMANDER IN CHIEF GENERAL AUGUSTO ((PINOCHET)) UGARTE AND TO BRING  
THE ALLEGED GUILTY PARTIES TO TRIAL IN SPITE OF THE EXISTENCE OF THE  
1978 AMNESTY LAW. [REDACTED] COMMENTED THAT THE ABOVE CAUSES  
CONCERN THAT THERE COULD BE LEGISLATIVE EFFORTS TO OVERTURN THE  
AMNESTY LAW, WHICH THE ARMY WOULD FIND UNACCEPTABLE. [REDACTED]  
EXPRESSED HIS BELIEF THAT PRESSURING PINOCHET ON ISSUES LIKE PISAGUA  
WILL TEND TO MAKE THE ARMY UNITE AROUND HIM RATHER THAN PUSH FOR HIS  
REMOVAL, AND ALSO RAISE CONCERNS IN THE NAVY, AIR FORCE AND  
CARABINEROS (NATIONAL UNIFORMED POLICE) DUE TO THEIR INVOLVEMENT IN  
HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS. [REDACTED]

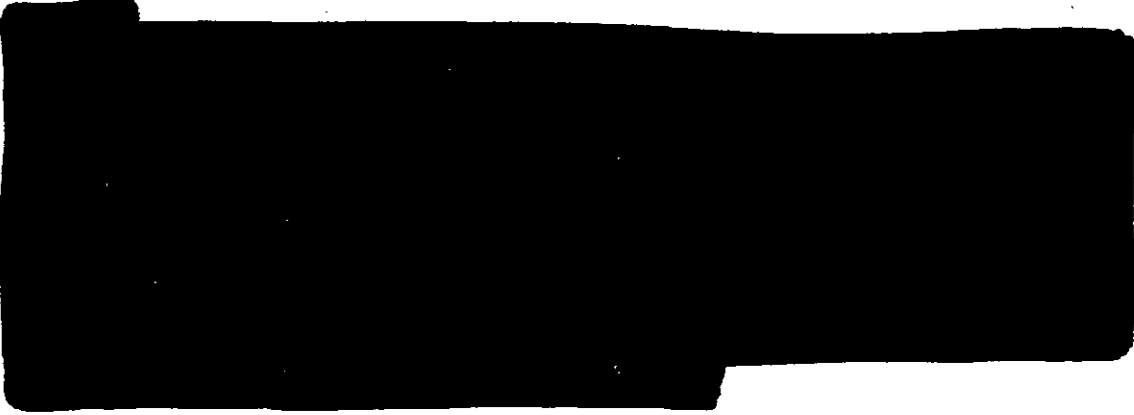
3. [REDACTED] STATED THAT IN RETROSPECT, THE CLANDESTINE  
BURIAL OF FIRING SQUAD VICTIMS CONVICTED IN A DOCUMENTED COURT  
MARTIAL AT PISAGUA WAS POOR JUDGEMENT ON THE PART OF THE MILITARY  
AUTHORITIES, WHO SHOULD HAVE TURNED THE BODIES BACK TO THE RELATIVES.  
[REDACTED] SAID THAT REASONS FOR THIS ACTION AT PISAGUA AND OTHER  
SIMILAR CASES SHORTLY AFTER THE COUP WERE DUE TO THE INFLAMED

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EMOTIONS OF THE TIME AND IN CERTAIN CASES THE RELUCTANCE OF RELATIVES OR FRIENDS TO CLAIM THE REMAINS.  EXPLAINED THAT THIS WAS BECAUSE THEY WERE AFRAID THAT THEY WOULD BE DETAINED AS CONTACTS/ACCOMPLICES OF THE DECEASED WHEN THEY APPEARED, WHICH WAS A REAL POSSIBILITY AT THE TIME.



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